

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for packaging objects, a stack of goods on a pallet in particular, with a hose-shaped stretch foil guided in run-like manner as hose of lateral folds in particular, including the steps of


- forming a foil hood harmonized to the length of said good to be packed or a band stock hose;

- reefing said foil hood or band stock, respectively, on several gripper means movable in essentially a horizontal direction, of a lifting frame movable in essentially a vertical direction;

- tentering said reefed foil hood or band stock, respectively, in essentially a horizontal direction by movement of said gripper means such that said tentered opening of said foil hood or band stock, respectively, is larger than the contour of said ~~objected object~~ to be packed and wherein said foil hood or band stock, respectively, is expanded in essentially a

horizontal direction;

- pulling-over of said foil hood or band stock, respectively, over said object by the essentially vertical movement of said lifting frame, wherein said foil hood or band stock, respectively, is pulled-off from said gripper means and is expanded in essentially a vertical direction;

 ~~controlling wherein said the~~ tension of said foil hood or band stock, respectively, in the region of ~~during tentering in essentially a horizontal direction on~~ the upper side of said stack of goods is controlled.

2. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1,
wherein said foil hood or band stock, respectively, again is partly pulled down from said gripper means during tentering.

3. (Original) The method as defined in claim 2,
wherein said pulling-off speed of said foil hood or band stock, respectively, during tentering is lower than the speed of the essentially horizontal movement of said gripper means.

4. (Previously Amended) The method as defined in claim 1,
wherein said pulling-off speed of said foil hood or band stock, respectively, during

pulling-over of said foil hood is lower than the speed of the essentially vertical movement of said lifting frame.

5. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim 1,
wherein said reefing or pulling-off, respectively, of said foil hood or band stock, respectively, during reefing ~~and/or or~~ tentering, respectively, ~~and/or or~~ pulling-off of said foil hood during pulling-over is effected by the movement of said ~~rolls~~, wherein the outer surfaces of said rolls shift said foil hood pushed onto said gripper means.

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6. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim 1,
wherein said foil hood or band stock, respectively, is held on said gripper means during the an end phase of said pulling-over end phase.

7. (Previously Amended) The method as defined in claim 6,
wherein said holding of said foil hood or band stock, respectively, is effected by means of said ~~rolls~~ which press said foil hood against said gripper means.

8. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for packaging objects, a stack of goods on a pallet in particular, with a hose-shaped stretch foil guided in run-like manner as hose of lateral folds in particular, including:

- a lifting frame movable in essentially vertical direction, for pulling a foil hood over said stack of goods;
- several gripper means provided for on said lifting frame, for seizing and expanding said foil hood or band stock, respectively, in essentially horizontal direction;
- reefing means provided for on said gripper means, for reefing and pulling-off of said foil hood from said gripper means;

wherein said reefing means comprise control means for controlling the expansion of said foil hood or band stock, respectively, in the area of the upper side of said stack of goods.

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9. (Withdrawn) The apparatus as defined in claim 8,

wherein said reefing means can partly pull down said foil hood or band stock, respectively, from said gripper means during the essentially horizontal movement of said gripper means.

10. (Withdrawn) The apparatus as defined in claim 9,

wherein by said control means the pulling-off speed during the essentially horizontal movement of said gripper means and/or the vertical movement of said lifting frame is controllable.

11. (Withdrawn) The apparatus as defined in claim 9, wherein said control means control the pulling-off speed of said foil hood or band stock, respectively, such that during the essentially horizontal movement of said gripper means it is lower than the speed of the movement of said gripper means and/or that during the essentially vertical movement of said lifting frame it is lower than the speed of the movement of said lifting frame.

12. (Withdrawn) The apparatus as defined in claims 8, wherein each reefing means comprises at least one roll which can be brought into contact with said lifting frame and which can roll said foil hood or band stock, respectively, on said respectively gripper means or roll it down therefrom, respectively.

13. (Withdrawn) The apparatus as defined in claim 12, wherein said reefing means comprises a holding means for holding said foil hood or band stock, respectively, on said respective gripper means in the pulling-over end phase.

14. (Withdrawn) The apparatus as defined in claim 13, wherein said holding means comprises the at least one roll which presses said foil hood or band stock, respectively, against said gripper means in the pulling-over end phase.

15. (New) The method as defined in claim 1,
wherein said reefing or pulling-off, respectively, of said foil hood or band stock, respectively,
during reefing and tentering, respectively, and pulling-off of said foil hood during pulling-
over is effected by the movement of rolls, wherein the outer surfaces of said rolls shift said
foil hood pushed onto said gripper means.

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